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Two Events Celebrate Park Renovations and Neighborhood Involvement

Fairmount Park Celebration, July 19

Fairmount Neighbors are hosting a celebration of the refurbished Fairmount Park on Sunday, July 19, from 3:00p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fairmount Neighbors have fundraised tirelessly over the last couple of years and also received a City of Eugene Neighborhood Matching Grant to help complete the final improvements in the park this spring. Renovations include the addition of a spray/play water feature, an irrigation system, and basketball and four square areas. Enjoy free Prince Puckler's ice cream and marimba music by Kutsinhira. Bring a towel and get wet in this cool new spray park. Fairmount Park is located at 15th Avenue and Fairmount Boulevard.

Friendly Park Grand Re-Opening, July 21

Join your neighbors for an evening of food, music, and games at the grand re-opening of Friendly Park. The celebration will be on Tuesday, July 21, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a formal dedication by Mayor Piercy and neighbors at 6:00 p.m. Improvements to the park include native plantings, new pathways, and an expanded playground. Friendly Area Neighbors also received a Neighborhood Matching Grant to help fund a new kiosk and stretch equipment which were built by volunteers. Friendly Park is located at the corner of Monroe Street and 27th Avenue.

Neighborhood Matching Grants

The City of Eugene Neighborhood Matching Grant Program encourages community collaboration and promotes neighborhood livability. The neighborhood must provide the equivalent amount of dollars requested in the form of money, donated materials or services, and/or volunteer time. Fairmount Park and Friendly Park renovations were completed using a combination of financial sources which included private fundraising, park bond funds, and Neighborhood Matching Grants. Fairmount Neighbors and Friendly Area Neighbors proposed renovations that qualified for the matching grants as physical improvement projects involving recreation. Both groups demonstrated the requisite broad support of the neighborhood and worked diligently to provide the value match. To learn more about Neighborhood Matching Grants, please visit www.eugene-or.gov/matchinggrants.

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